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The Asiatics are disposed to conceal their cases, and this makes it difficult for the inspectors to discover them in the early stages.

I have urged on Dr. Wood, president of the board of health, the propriety of using the mixed method of immunization in those removed from infected centers to the detention camps.

The board of health is using the prophylactic on intending passengers from Honolulu to other points on the island of Oahu and the other islands, and on the crews of the interisland steamers. I have also used it on passengers for United States ports. It does not seem to be followed by any bad results, and the reaction is slight.

Sugar is still shipped from here to the coast under the usual precautions and a number of ships are here to load sugar for New York. Steerage passengers are clamoring for transportation to the coast, but the steamship companies are unwilling to take them and will not provide a suitable place for their fifteen-days' detention prior to departure.

The following, furnished by the Hawaiian board of health, shows the nationality, number of deaths, recoveries, total, and number of cases to date: Chinese, died, 32; recovered, 2; total, 34. Japanese, died, 8; recovered, 4; total, 12. Hawaiians, died, 16; recovered, 1; total, 17. Whites, died, 4; recovered, 2; total, 6. Chinese in pest hospital, 1.

The cases of plague here are few and the active part of the disease seems to have passed. If an active crusade against the rats was now carried on in conjunction with other sanitary measures we might hope for a speedy cessation of the disease.

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No Asiatic passengers or goods have gone from Honolulu to the coast since the plague was announced here on December 12, 1899.

Respectfully,

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Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

INDIA.

Smallpox epidemic in Bombay.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor by direction of the Secretary of State to inform you that the consul at Bombay reports in his dispatch of the 7th ultimo that the smallpox is raging in epidemic form in all parts of that city, causing 268 deaths during the week ended February 27 and 269 deaths during the week ended March 6, 1900.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.